

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2015 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Rick Amodei, Kevin Smith, Mark Spears, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Sarah Hart

Guest: Abby Zimmerman

Meeting began at 6:10pm

Minutes:

Mark made the motion to approve the May 29, 2015 meeting minutes. Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Ice Rink:

Abby Zimmerman contacted Holly regarding the Ice Rink. Abby has a group of 30 people who are willing to volunteer their time to shovel snow off the rink after any storms. The ice rink has not been set up in a few years and we would need to purchase a new liner and possibly some new tubing around the rink.

Abby inquired about having the rink at Spalding field, however, this is not the ideal situation as it may damage the grass for the spring. Another idea was to set up the rink on the new volleyball court at Banta Davis, however, it was decided that this location is also not the best option. The best option for the ice rink is at Kimball Ice Cream stand. This location has lights, parking, a level surface and the parking lot is plowed.

Abby stated that she would set up a sign up sheet for families to shovel the snow. A snow blower can be used on the ice provided the ice is solid.

Kevin mentioned that he feels money allocated to set up the ice rink would be money well spent. Mark also stated that it adds value to the community. Holly will contact the ice rink company for the cost of a new liner.

Kevin made the motion to authorize up to \$3000 from the gift fund for the ice rink expenses. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Field Study:

Rick will be meeting with Dave Freedman on Monday for a phone conversation with Gale Associates regarding the field study. A significant amount of editing had to be done to the draft report. Once the changes are made, Gale Associates will provide a final report. The report states that Carlisle is short fields. Rick feels that if we could construct one multi-purpose field then that will resolve many of the field issues. Once we have the final report, we can go to the Board of Selectman to discuss the results of field study and need for more fields.

Long Term Capital Budget:

Rick is scheduled to meet with the finance committee next week. Rick does have some projects in mind for the long-term capital budget but does not think we are in a position to present these items this year.

One project would be to pave the parking lot at Banta Davis. There is a resident in town that is willing to donate a large portion of the cost of this project.

Another capital budget project would be to cut the trees between Spalding field and the school. Last year, one tree fell in the walkway from the school to the field. Mark suggested that we look into this project further to see what department would be responsible for this project. Rick stated that due to the safety concerns, this is a project that needs to be done either way.

Mark suggested bringing back the Banta Davis field plan as another capital budget item as well as the idea of building the tennis courts at Banta Davis. The 2006 Banta Davis plan is still useable however, the needs of the community have since changed and the focus seems to now be multipurpose fields. The tennis courts could possibly be a project that we may be able to begin this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.